

VOTE TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

Town Administrator, Mark Hawke, explained that in the absence of Town Moderator John Bowen, who was unable to attend the special town meeting, the first order of business was to elect a temporary Moderator. Town Clerk Ellen Sheehan called for nominations. Selectman Heather Billings nominated Dana Altobelli for the position. There being no further nominations, Ms. Sheehan called for a vote. Town meeting voted to appoint Dana Altobelli as the temporary Moderator and he was duly sworn to the position.

The meeting was called to order at the Westminster Elementary School at 7:45 p.m. by Temporary Moderator Dana Altobelli. The Constable's Return of the Warrant was read by Town Clerk Ellen Sheehan. Melody Smith and Keith Harding were sworn in as tellers. A total of 38 voters were in attendance.

A vote was taken to give the following non-residents permission to address the Town Meeting: Mark Hawke, Town Administrator; Stephen Wallace, Town Planner; and Brian Riley, Town Counsel.

An affirmative vote was taken at this time to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 15, which allows the Moderator to dispense with a count in matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute, where the vote is unanimous or clearly overwhelming at this Special Town Meeting.

The votes taken are as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Voted to transfer \$6,250.00 from free cash to pay the following unpaid bills from fiscal year 2019:

KP Law invoice May of 2019 (Town Administrator) \$6,250.00

**(9/10 vote required)
UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 2. Voted pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, §5B to establish a Pension Liability Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3. Voted to amend the General Bylaw – at Chapter 25: "Elections and Town Meetings," Section 25.3 "Polling Hours" by making the following changes indicated by strikethrough and underlining in Section 25-3: "Polling Hours":

"The polls shall be open for the election of Town officers from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and Special Town Elections on weekdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 54, Section 64.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4. Voted to transfer from the tax custodian to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the purpose of conveyance, the properties located at Colony Road (Assessors Map 65, Parcel 4 consisting of 6.0 acres; Assessors Map 67, Parcel 18 consisting of .312 acres; Assessors Map 65 Parcel 9 consisting of 51.4 acres) and acquired by the town by Judgment in Tax Foreclosure Case recorded with the Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 9706, Page 46, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate.

(2/3 vote required)
UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5. Voted to transfer from the tax custodian to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, the property located at 29 Lake Drive East (Assessors Map 126, Parcel 43 consisting of 1,742 sq. ft.) and acquired by the town by Judgment in Tax Foreclosure Case recorded with the Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 9396, Page 273, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate.

(2/3 vote required)
UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6. Voted to amend the vote taken on Article 21 of the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the amount authorized to be borrowed thereunder from \$1,700,000 to \$1,920,000, to pay additional costs of replacing the Ellis Road water tank.

(2/3 vote required)
UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 7. Voted to transfer \$100,000 from free cash to the General Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 8. Voted to transfer \$50,000 from free cash to the Information Technology and Telecommunications Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 9. Voted to transfer \$400,000 from free cash to the Capital Equipment and Improvements Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10. Voted to transfer \$950,000 from free cash to the Building Maintenance and Repairs Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 11. Voted to transfer \$1,150,000 from free cash and \$2,900,000 from the OPEB Stabilization fund to the Pension Liability Stabilization Fund.

(2/3 vote required)

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 12. Voted to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 13. Voted to transfer \$50,000 from free cash to the Road Maintenance Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen M. Sheehan, CMMC
Town Clerk